Design: what is it?

Design is both a noun and a verb.

What tools do you use to design?

How you think and make is as important as what you think and make.

Design is a process-oriented field in which the designer creates an artifact to solve a problem.

"Designing is a complex and intricate task. It is integration of technological, social and economic requirements, biological necessities, and the psychophysical effects of materials, shape, color, volume, and space: thinking in relationships."

László Moholy-Nagy Vision in Motion, 1947 "Design thinking can be described as a discipline that uses the designer's sensibility and methods to match people's needs with what is technologically feasible and what a viable business strategy can convert into customer value and market opportunity."

Tim Brown

Design Thinking, 2008

"Design is the human power of conceiving, planning, and bringing to reality all of the products that serve human beings in the accomplishment of their individual and collective purposes."

Dick Buchanan

Discovering Design, 1995

That's, like, everything!

"Design is not everything, but it somehow gets into almost everything."

Ralph Caplan By Design, 2005 "Everyone designs who devises courses of action aimed at changing existing situations into preferred ones."

Herbert Simon
The Sciences of the Artificial, 1970

Science is about discovery. Design is about **creation**.

Design is change.

Marty Neumeier

Design is facilitation.

Joan Vinyets-Rejon

Design is understanding, accepting, integrating, attending, searching, envisioning.

Shelley Evanson (New Ways of Seeing presentation)

understanding

examine the situation to find the problem

accept

empathize with the real needs of humans

integrate

look at things as a whole system

attend

pay attention to the small details

search

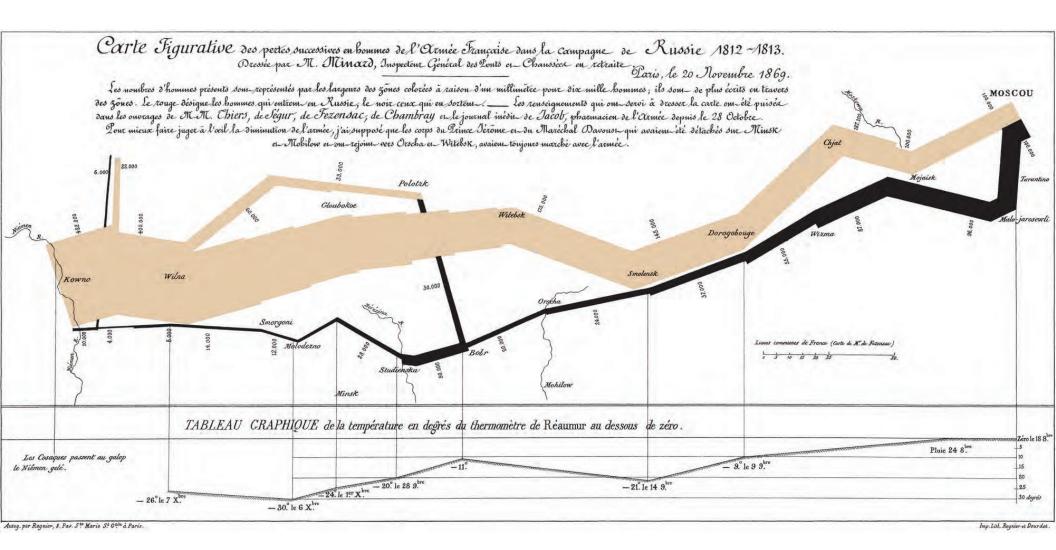
research human behavior/work-arounds

envision

go into the beyond and innovate

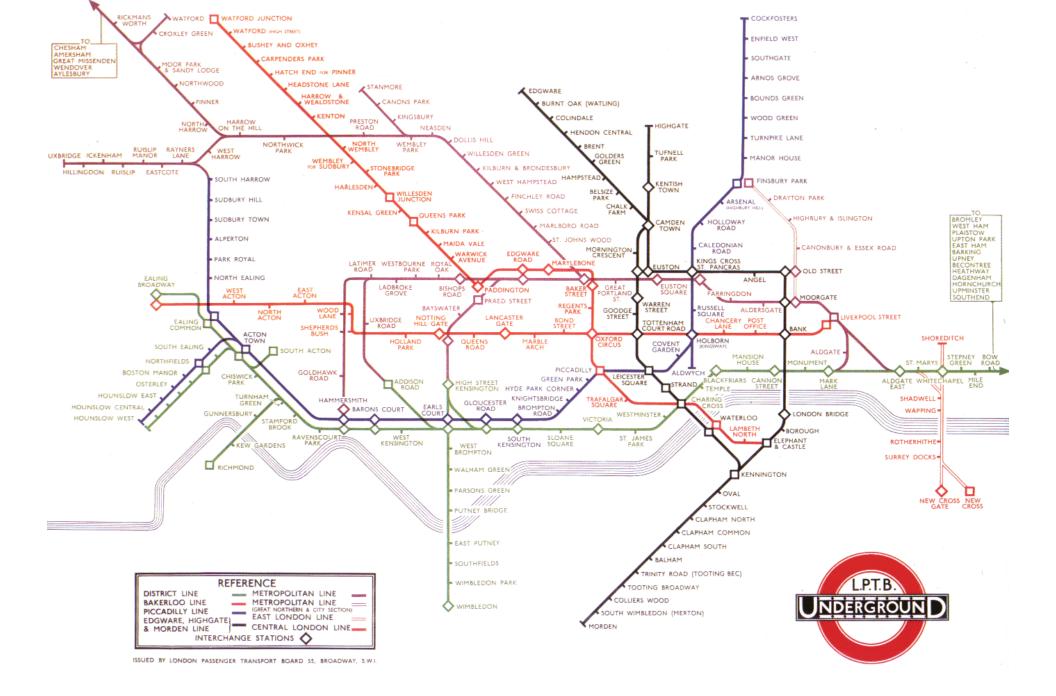
communication design

is about how to organize, simplify, and visualize information and data in strategic, relevant, clear, and compelling ways.



Charles Joseph Minard Flow Map of Napoleon's March, 1869 WE ARE ALL AFRICAN TO HELP VISIT ONE.ORG

Milton Glaser We Are All African, 2006



Henry Beck London Underground Map, 1933

Tube map

